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Dear Mr. Farkus:

This letter is regarding to your Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of March 11, 2019, assigned #HQ-REF-19-00011, for:

Materials from 2016 onward related to the water contamination at Camp Lejeune and its subsequent health effects on those currently or formerly stationed at Camp Lejeune. Potential documents include but are not limited to correspondence containing the keywords “illness,” “water contamination,” and “disability benefits,” reports concerning levels of current water contamination at Camp Lejeune, and brochures/pamphlets/booklets given to those impacted by Camp Lejeune’s water contamination.

As an interim response to your request, we are providing you with records released in response to a previous FOIA request for similar records (157 pages of responsive records released in full).

Please note that the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry has a large number of resources, including reports, regarding Camp Lejeune at the following site: <https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/lejeune/>

Further, we encourage you to contact the Department of Defense, and/or the Department of the Navy, for specific information on Camp Lejeune and/or, the Department for Veterans Affairs, for specific information “disability benefits” related to Camp Lejeune.

We hope that the above link and information meets your informational needs. However, if it does not, this letter is to notify you that your request is overly broad and to seek your clarification regarding the subject matter of the records you seek. The FOIA allows the public to request access to “reasonably described” existing agency records (subject to any applicable FOIA exemptions to disclosure). This means you must describe the category of records you are seeking or the actual document(s), and provide sufficient details to permit a search with reasonable effort, utilizing existing indices and search tools.

Your request seeks three years of records about Camp Lejeune, a site which ATSDR has been involved with for many years and created voluminous records. A search for all the records that would match your broad request and generic search terms cannot be accomplished with reasonable effort by staff familiar with the records.

To assist the agency to conduct a reasonable search, please provide our office with additional information, such as: specific names of individuals whose medical records you desire (a release for each individual would be required); full names and accurate titles of individual(s) discussing the subject of your request; a narrow date range for this search; more specific, precise search terms and combinations of terms which could be used to narrow/filter results of a search; the types of records you desire (emails; reports; studies; etc); office(s) likely to have records requested; the precise document you seek; and/or the exact information you seek

At this time, your request has been placed on hold until we receive the information requested. If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Emerique Magyar at 770-488-6359.

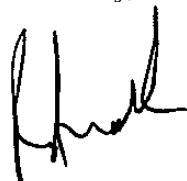
If we do not receive a response from you by April 19, 2019, we will consider your request withdrawn and it will be closed.

Appeal Rights

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at 770-488-6277 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with the response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Deputy Agency Chief FOIA Officer, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, Suite 729H, Washington, D.C. 20201. Please mark both your appeal letter and envelope "FOIA Appeal." **Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted by July 18, 2019.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger Andoh', with a stylized, cursive script.

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